

I went out in a motorcycle side car. This is the first time I have ever ridden in one. I had my maps and found my way without much trouble. We went *via* Tournehem, Bonningues, Clerques, and Licques. I had a truck (or Lorrey, as it is called here) go out and bring in my trunk, bedding roll and three field desks. I have established Division Engineer Office in two rooms in a private home on the main road. They were formerly used by Division Headquarters. I am very comfortably fixed for office and very comfortably and delightfully settled for my habitation. It is in a beautiful chateau with extensive grounds that are still being maintained in pretty good shape. I have a large room on the second floor overlooking a meadow with a good trout stream, or river, flowing through it. An elderly lady and her daughter live there.

Tonight I was reading a newspaper in front of my window at 9:50. I am not used to the long twilight. It is light in the morning about 3 a. m. My Mazie's picture and the boy's are watching me tonight.

*June 20, 1918, Thursday.* Spent most of the day at Division Engineer office. Just after supper the men and the ladies of the home were out in the yard and they invited me to look at their garden, flower and vegetable. It made me homesick for mine. The roses were very beautiful and also the pinks. Vegetable garden looked splendid. The strawberries were ripening and I had a handful of delicious ones. Some were perfectly white and yet ripe and sweet. Later we went into the house and as soon as the light was lit all blinds had to be shut.

*June 21, 1918, Friday.* Division Headquarters nearly all the morning. Called on the C. R. E. this morning in regard to engineer supplies and location of engineer dumps. At present we have no supplies and no transportation facilities. I tried all the morning to get a conveyance to take me out to the Regiment. Finally arranged for one for the afternoon. Left Division Headquarters about 1:50 p. m., and made a fast trip to camp trying to reach there by 2:30, at which time Colonel Campbell of the British Army was to deliver a lecture on physical training and bayonet work. I reached the drill field where all the regiment was assembled at 2:25, and then we waited until 2:45 before the Colonel showed up. He gave a good talk, that was helpful and encouraging. The boys all looked well and seemed contented. They are all billeted in barns and sleep on